

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTH FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been complaints from the people in rural areas that healthrelated initiatives do not reach them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c): `Health` being a `State` subject, the public health facilities are under the administrative control of respective State/UT Governments. However, as and when complaints are received, those are forwarded to State Governments for necessary remedial action.

Government has launched National Rural Health Mission[NRHM] in year 2005, to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to rural population, especially to the vulnerable sections. Financial assistance is given to the States/UTs for establishment of new Health Centres as well as for upgradation of existing Health Centres. The State/UT Governments assess their requirement and reflect the same in their Annual Programme Implementation Plan[PIP] under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM]. Thereafter, funds are released to them as per the approval of National Programme Coordination Committee[NPCC].